

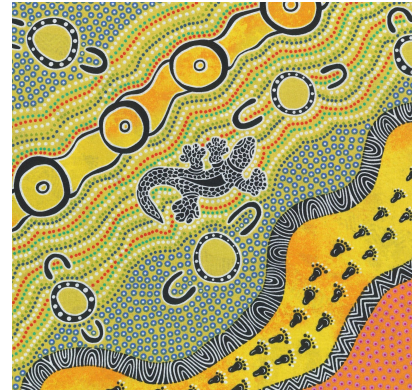
# Educational Indigenous Mats

## “Black”

### Mulaka Hunting by Heather Kennedy

Mulaka Hunting depicts a scene of streaming water, people's footprints and Goannas. 'Mulaka' translates to 'hunt' or 'hunting'.

Heather Kennedy is from Victoria and is a well-known artist and a designer of fashion shoes. Heather loves vibrant colours. She likes to bring her work to life with layers and bright hues that catch the eye. Heather loves the process, the capturing of the feelings, the ideas and the stories. Through her art, she is able to find connections - to people, to the land, to herself.



### Dreaming Bush Plum by Janet Long Nakamurra

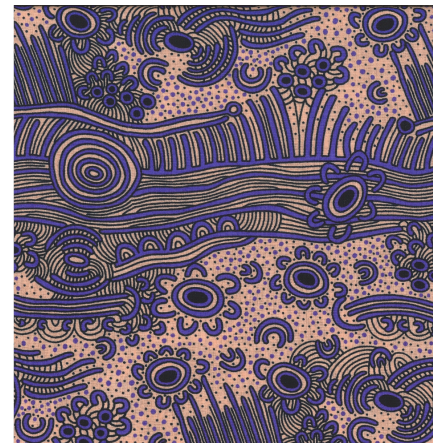
The Bush plum Dreamtime story is set in the sprawling central and western deserts between Warlpiri County and Lajamanu County, in the Utopia homeland.

In this story, they say that the Dreamtime winds blew in, carrying Bush Plum seeds to the surrounding land. The first Bush Plum plant grew from the seeds, bearing fruit and depositing more seeds.

Bush Plum (*Santalum lanceolatum*) is a common plant across the region, often growing in small copses along watercourses.

Janet paints in a blend of traditional and contemporary art style from the Utopia central desert region. Abstract Dot-dot and naive meld together and colours range from mysterious charcoal grey to natural themes in bush fruit series.

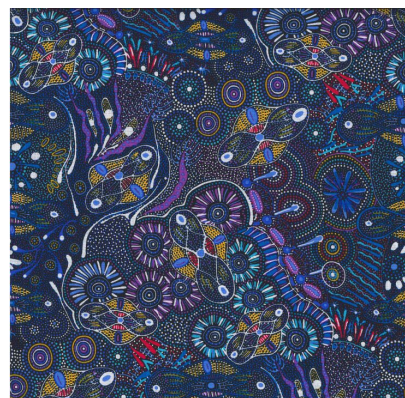
Janet was born in 1960 at Anninie in the traditional land of her people, Warntaparri. She lived a traditional life with her family and her Aunts May and Molly Napurulla showed her how to paint the traditional body paint designs for her Warntaparri Dreaming.



### **Bush Tucker after Rain in NT by Mariyne Doolan**

Bush food (referred to as bush tucker in Australia) traditionally refers to any food which is native to Australia and is used as sustenance by the original inhabitants, the Indigenous Australians.

For thousands of years Aboriginal people survived living off the land, eating well when food was plentiful & conserving it in times of drought. This food is called bush tucker or bush food, and it's Australia's native food.



### **Goanna Dreaming by Heather Kennedy**

Goannas live in most of parts Australia, except Tasmania. There are 25 species of goanna found in Australia. Goannas feature largely in Indigenous mythology. They are predatory as well as scavenging in behaviour, and are dark in colour. A goanna may prey upon any animal it can catch and eat. Goannas usually lay eggs in a nest or burrow and some lay their eggs in termite mounds. They do not regrow lost limbs or tails.



In the artwork, Heather portrays how the goanna is hunting for its food in the Aboriginal Habitat. Women (semi-circle representation) are sitting near the waterholes and people are walking along a path in the bush.

Goannas are culturally important to the indigenous people. They feature prominently in many dreamtime stories and artworks, and are also identified as a food source. They feature in symbolic spiritual motifs.

Heather Kennedy is a well-known Aboriginal artist from Victoria. Her works are featured in many shows and her artworks are neat, bold and detailed.

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